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The invention relates to an inhalant pharmaceutical composition or air scenting composition comprising a volatile active ingredient-cyclodextrin inclusion complex and a competitor host molecule as well as conventionally used excipients.

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PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION

The present invention relates to a pharmaceutical inhalant composition and a process to release the volatile active ingredients included to cyclodextrin.

During pharmaceutical treatments it is often necessary to get volatile active ingredients, volatile oils to the organism especially in case of the deseases of the respiratory organs (bronchitis, laryngitis, rhinitis, tracheitis etc). The preferred way to get the volatile active incredients into the respiratory tract is by inhalation and the volatile active ingredients are preferably used in the form of inhalant compositions. The inhalant composition is a pharmaceutical composition which contains the vapour of the active ingredients or liquid drops of various size dispersed in the air. The inhalant composition can have various forms: a natural source such as dried plant drug can be boiled in hot water or it can be extracted and ampouled and it has to be put in hot water after opening the ampoule and in certain instances aerosol prepared by burning (fume) or aerosol spray compositions can be used.

If the volatile active ingredient gets into the organism by inhalation it has the following advantages:

- it is equivalent to the administration by injection or to the parenteral administration.
- it is successful if the per os administration is uncertain due to the function of the enzymes in the digestive canal or if the drug would be changed (some substances are resorbed to a small extent from the gastrointestinal tract),

- if we want to influence the respiratory system, especially the patological processes of the lung.

The treatment by inhalation can be performed in three forms: the active ingredient to be inhaled, a solution thereof or a cyclodextrin inclusion complex thereof is put into hot water and by utilizing the principle of steam distillation it is transferred to aerosol layer, another possibility is the already mentioned spray where the active ingredient is vapourized with an inert carrier gas under pressure, and according to the third possibility liquid active ingredient is administered to the respiratory system by using the vapourizing principle under clinical conditions and using air of several atmosphere.

The hot water evaporation is the most suitable method to ensure the appropriate amount of water for the respiratory mucous membrane to dissolve the thickened mucous and to enhance the blood supply of the respiratory tract by means of thermal effect and thereby to promote the utilization of the biologically active ingredient.

Upon pouring the volatile oils on hot water (a water temperature of $65\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ is generally sufficient) they evaporate and condense to small drops under cooling after inhalation and thus they get to the bronchus and even to the alveolus, thereby taking their biological effect.

Most of the biologically active ingredients, which can be used as inhalant, are volatile, easily decompose, easily get oxidized, briefly, they get camaged. Due to this fact these substances cannot be tabletted per se and cannot be

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applied on solid carrier while reserving their stability.

This problem is solved by the process according to Hungarian Patent Specification No. 182.306. According to this process the volatile active ingredients to be used as inhalants are complexed with cyclodextrins in the form of inclusion complexes, that is they are encapsuled. As a result of this process not only solid active ingredients but liquid and even gas active ingredients can be converted to crystalline powder. The inclusion complexes of cyclodextrin thus prepared can be prepared in the form of satchets or tablets and can be stored without losses of active ingredient within the usual duration of pharmacy trade under the conventional conditions of drug storing. Said compositions can be converted to instant inhalant compositions upon applying them to hot water. The active ingredient included to CD inclusion complex slowly releases in hot water. The disadvantage of this process is that the extent of the release of the active ingredient is not sufficient at the water temperature which ensures the vapour space which can be endured by the human respiratory system. The release of the $^{\mathrm{t}}$ active ingredient is too slow and a significant amount of it remains in the hot water. The volatile substances are significant in another field apart from the inhalation. They are important during air condition when ensuring the suitable vapour content and volatile substance content of the air. By spreading of modern heating method the air of the apartments and working places gets very dry. This is the source of several deseases of the respiratory tract (drying out of muccus, asthma, etc.). The moisturizing of the

air is practically unavoidable, and it would be advantageous to use natural substances of pleasant odour and partially disinfectant activity in the form of aerosol. When applying the volatile oil CD inclusion complexes prepared according to Hungarian Patent Specification No. 182 306 into suitable mechanical air conditioner and air moisturizing equipment, the whole room can be scented to the desired extent or corresponding to the quality of the used aroma CD inclusion complex. The dosage, the transfer and the storage of the active ingredients can be easily solved.

Practical experiences however showed that in most of the cases the dissociation constant of the cyclodextrin complexes of the volatile active ingredients is too low at the temperature of the application, that means that the release of the complexed active ingredient is slower than desired and its yield is also lower. Though the dissociation of the complex in case of boiling water is rapid and complete, the temperature which can be endured during inhalation for human organism is lower. The steam of 65-80 °C water can be used as carrier. The complex has to dissociate at room temperature in the airscenting equipment, and that is the temperature at which the volatile oils have to get into the air space. The release of the active ingredient from the complex can be performed by the following three methods:

- a) Enzymatic decomposition of the cyclodextrin forming the inclusion complex. This procedure is too slow and the enzyme has to be added separately.
- b) Dissolution of the complex in boiling water (100 °C) and

its constant boiling. This cannot be used in case of inhalation or air scenting as mentioned before.

c) By increasing the pH of the ageuous solution. The sclubility of cyclodextrin increases somewhat. This accelerates the release of the active ingredient as well.

According to the present invention we get an inhalant composition which releases its active ingredient more rapidly than that in Hungarian Patent Specification No. 182.306 and a higher active ingredient concentration can be achieved in the inhalation space. We experimented in order to prepare a product containing next to the active ingredient included to the inclusion complex a volatile component in a 2-2.5 fold excess in the form of an adsorbeate.

It is rather difficult to elaborate a technique for the prepartion of a product which is reproduceable, standard and contains always the same amount of active ingredient. It has to be considered that the mechanical properties of the obtained mixture complex-adsorbeate are considerably worse than the properties of the complex, i.e. they are sticky, not flowing, decolourizing and their dosage is difficult.

It can be proved by thermal analysis that the volatile substance content of such a product decreases continuously at room temperature and by long storage a product of decreased active ingredient content is obtained. In another series of experiment the pH of the aqueous system was increased as the beta cyclodextrin and crystalline inclusion complexes thereof show a significant increase of solubility in alkaline medium. By adding Na_2CO_3 and Na_2HPO_4 no reproducable increase of

volatility was achieved.

In the course of our further investigations we have surprisingly found that a more complete and rapid release of active ingredient can be achieved from CD volatile substance inclusion complexes if the difference of the stability constant of CD inclusion complex is utilized. It is known that the stability constants of CD inclusion complexes are different. If an inclusion complex is admixed in an aqueous medium with a potent host molecule which is able to form a complex of higher stability with cyclodextrin, then in theory the new host molecule displaces the first molecule.

This principle is used for the determination of the stability constants of cyclodextrin inclusion complexes. Thus for instance beta-cyclodextrin forms a colourless inclusion complex with phenolphthaleine in an alkaline medium the stability contant of which is known. If another molecule displaces part of the phenolphthaleine molecule from the cyclodextrin (this is accompanied by the reappearance of the colour) then from the colour change the stability constant of the cyclodextrin inclusion complex of the new host can be calculated (J.Szejtli: Proceeding of the first International Symposium Cyclodextrins, Reidel, Dordrecht, 1982, J.Szejtli: Cyclodextrins and their Inclusion Complexes, Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest, 1982). The principle of competition has been used so far only for the mentioned analytical process. The present invention is based on the surprising recognition that this principle can be used for practical preparative purposes which has not been disclosed in the literature.

According to the present invention a potent host molecule is added to the CD-volatile oil composition which is able to form with this cyclodextrin an inclusion complex of considerably higher stability displacing thereby the included volatile active ingredients. Thus the speed and extent of the release of volatile active ingredients included into cyclodextrin in hot water can be accelerated or enhanced by adding a suitable competitor host molecule. The invention was really to find a competitior molecule which could form a more stable inclusion complex with cyclodextrin than the volatile active ingredients included into cyclodextrin. The choice of the compounds was rather great, but the compounds had to meet the following requirements: the competitor host molecule has to be intoxic, easily accessible, solid, non-volatile with water, odourless and it should not react with the components of the inhalant composition. 23 compounds were tested which are shown in Table 1.

<u>Table 1</u>

Tested competitor host molecules

1. Aromatic benzoic acid,
compounds 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid
3-hydroxy-benzoic acid
2-hydroxy-benzoic acid
2-Nipagin-M (4-hydroxy-benzoic acidmethyl ester
L-tyrozine
L-tryptophan
L-phenylalanine

2. Detergents Tween 21 poly-oxy-ethyleneTween type Tween 40 sorbitane trioleates,
compounds Tween 61 Merck, Darmstadt, Germany
Tween 85

Aralkyl-polyglycol- Arkopal N-090
ethers Arkopal N-050 (Sigma, St.
Arkopal N-230 Luis, USA)
Triton-X-100 (Röhm et Haas,
Phyladelphia, USA)

- 3. Salts

 CTAB = cetyl-trimethyl
 ammonium-bromide

 (Flucka A.G., Switzerland)

 CPC = cetyl-pyridinium choride

 (Flucka A.G., Switzerland)
- cetyl alcohol
 stearic acid
 sodium salt of lauryl sulfate
 glycerol trioleate
 oleic acid

In Table 1 the release of camphor from beta-cyclodextrin inclusion complex was investigated in a so called inhalation model. In a flask equipped with a thermometer and stirrer 100 cm 3 water is kept at 90 \pm 2 $^{\circ}$ C, and the tested substances are added:

- 1. 0.5 g free volatile substance (camphor)
- 2. 5 g camphor-beta-CD complex (active ingredient
 content 10 %)
- 3. 5 g camphor beta-CD complex + 0.2 g excipient (substances given in Table 1).

Nitrogen gas is bubbled through the flask with constant speed for 30 minutes. The gas stream is let to a gas washing bottle cooled with ice and containing 50 cm³ 50 % aqueous ethanol solution. The amount of the volatie substance consumed in the trap is determined UV-photometrically. The obtained results are shown in Table II.

Table II

Release of free and complexed camphor in all inhalation model in the present of competitor host molecules

| Test sample | Camphor taken up in trap |
|---|-----------------------------|
| free camphor | 127 |
| camphor ß-CD complex | 96 |
| camphor A-CD complex + CTAB | 115 |
| camphor A-CD complex + CPT | 77 |
| camphor A -CD complex + Na-lauryl sulph | ate 65 |
| camphor β -CD complex + glycerol triole | ate 70 |
| camphor β-CD complex + TWEEN 21 | 92 |
| camphor A-CD complex + TWEEN 40 | 88 |
| camphor /3-CD complex + TWEEN 61 | 92 |
| camphor /3 -CD complex + TWEEN 85 | 102 |
| camphor β -CD complex + Triton-X-100 | 100 |
| camphor β -CD complex + Arkopal N-030 | 108 |
| camphor β -CD complex + Arkopal N-050 | 110 |
| camphor β -CD complex + Arkopal N-230 | 105 |
| camphor eta -CD complex + benzoic acid | 168 |
| camphor β -CD complex + 4-DH-benzoic ac | id 138 |
| camphor β -CD complex + 3-OH-benzoic ac | id 95 |
| camphor eta -CD complex + 2-OH-benzoic ac | id 140 |
| camphor eta -CD complex + Nipagin M | 160 |
| camphor ß -CD complex + L-tirozine | 115 |
| camphor eta -CD complex + L-tryptophan | 100 |
| camphor eta -CD complex + L-phenylalanine | 100 |
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As it can be seen the best results are shown by the benzoic acid derivatives. This group was further examined.

- 1. 10 g camphor β -CD complex (active ingredient content: 10.4 %)
- 2. camphor 3-CD complex + 0.2 g excipient: benzoic acid
 2-hydroxi-benzoic acid
 (salicylic acid)
 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid
 4-hydroxy-benzoic acidmethyl-ester (Nipagin M)
- 3. 10 g camphor β -CD complex + 0.2 g excipient + 0.2 g additive
- 4. 10 g camphor β -CO complex + 10 cm 3 O.1 n sodium hydroxide

The above samples were tested in an inhalation model.

The test results are summarized in Table III.

Table III

Release of complexed camphor in an inhalation model in the presence of benzoic acid and derivatives thereof

| Tested sample | Amount | of consumed | |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----|
| | campho | or (mg) | % |
| | | | |
| camphor 3-CD | complex | 325.3 | 100 |
| camphor B-CD | complex + benzoic acid | 469.0 | 144 |
| camphor B-CD | complex + 2-hydroxy- | | |
| benzoic | acid (salicylic acid) | 387.8 | 119 |
| camphor β-CD | complex + 4-hydroxy- | • | |
| benzoic | acid | 385.7 | 119 |
| camphor 3-CD | complex + 4-hydroxy- | | |
| benzoic | acid + diammonium sulpha | te 393.4 | 121 |
| camphor &-CD | complex + 4-hydroxy- | | |
| benzoic | acid-methyl ester | 378.0 | 116 |
| camphor B-CD | complex + sodium | • | |
| | hydroxide | 363.2 | 112 |
| | | | |

The most intensive release of camphor from the CD-complex could be observed when using benzoic acid as displacing molecule. (The amount of the consumed camphor increased by 44 %.)

It was further investigated how the release of camphor from β -CD complex depends on the amount of the added benzoic acid. Tested sample: 10^9 camphor β -CD complex (active ingredient content 10.4 %). Various amounts of benzoic acid were added and the amount of the consumed camphor was measured in an inhalation model photometrically. The results are shown in Table IV.

Table IV

Release of camphor depending on the amount of benzoic acid

| Sample | consumed camphor | | % |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----|------|
| | (mg) | | |
| complex | 269 | .8 | 100 |
| complex + 0.2 g benzoic | acid 325 | .3 | 121 |
| complex + 0.3 g benzoic | acid 378 | .3 | 140 |
| complex + 0.5 g benzoic | acid 416 | .1 | 154 |
| complex + 0.7 g benzoic | acid 469 | .1 | 1.74 |
| complex + 1 g benzoic | acid 542 | . 2 | 201 |
| | | • | |

On the basis of the results it can be seen that the release of the complexed camphor increases proportionately to the increase of the amount of the benzoic acid. We also wanted to know if benzoic acid or benzoates are more active additives.

Tested sample: 10 g of camphor eta -CD complex (active

ingredient content: 10.4 %) to which

- 1) 0.5 g of benzoic acid
- 2) 0.5 g of benzoic acid + 0.35 g sodium hydrogen carbonate are added.

The results measured in the inhalation model are shown in Table V.

Table V

Effect of pH on the ability of benzoic acid to displace camphor

| Sample | | consumed camphor | * |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | | (mg) | |
| · . | | | |
| Complex | 1 | 269.8 | 100 |
| Complex + benzoic | acid | 416.1 | 154 |
| Complex + benzoic | acid | : | |
| + sodium hydrogen | carbonate | 314.0 | 116.4 |

Table V shows that the benzoate ion is considerably weaker complexing agent (weaker competitor) than the free acid.

The effect of benzoic acid on the release of volatile material was not tested on a camphor model compound but on a definite inhalant composition. The composition

contained .

15 g chamomile oil CD complex

25 g mentha oil-CD complex

80 g of eucalyptus oil CD-complex and

45 g of pine oil CD complex

(volatile ingredient content: 10 %).

10 g of this mixture are added to 100 ml of water of a temperature of 90 \pm 2 °C and to this mixture 0.5 different competitor host molecule was added. The extinction of the absorbing 50 % ethanolic solution measured at 238 nm is shown in Table VI.

Table VI

Release of volatile compounds of the inclusion complex mixture containing the components of the inhalant composition in the inhalation model

| Samples | Extinction of ethereal oils | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | taken up in trap | % |
| | at 238 nm | |
| | | |
| Complex | 0.700 | 100 |
| Complex + benzoic acid | 1.66 × | 237 |
| Complex + Nigapin-M | 1.08 | 154 |
| Complex + 2-OH-benzoio | c acid 1.25 | . 178 |
| Complex + 3-0H-benzoio | c acid 1.00 | 143 |
| Complex + 4-OH-benzoio | acid 1.35 | 193 |
| Complex + L-tyrozine | 0.950 | 135 |
| Complex + L-tryptophar | 0.780 | 111. |
| Complex + CTAB | - | ~ |
| Complex + CPC | - | - . |
| | | |

According to our tests the most suitable compounds for releasing volatile materials from CD complex are benzoic

Values higher than 1 are measured extinctions multiplied by dilution.

acid and hydroxy derivatives thereof, and the most preferred compound is the benzoic acid. The precondition of the applicability of benzoic acid and derivatives for inhalation purposes is in case of the used volatile oil complexes that the competitor molecules do not appear in the vapour space at a significant concentration and that they do not get into the respiratory system of the patient at a detrimental amount.

It is known that benzoic acid starts to sublimate in dry state at 120 $^{\circ}$ C. The volatility of benzoic acid was tested under the conditions of inhalation at 90 \pm 2 $^{\circ}$ C in the previously mentioned inhalation model. The amount of benzoic acid which could be detected in the alcoholic vapour washing bottle together with the active ingredient was measured. The results are shown in Table VII.

Table VII

Amount of benzoic acid getting into the vapour during the

| model experiment space Amount of added benzoic acid (mg) | amount of consum Amount of consu in mg | ed benzoic acid med benzoic acid in % of the added amount |
|--|--|--|
| 700 | 1.286 | 0.43 |
| 300 | 1.200 | 0. 12 |
| 500 | 2.714 | 0.5 |
| 700 | 2.857 | 0.4 |
| 1000 | 3.143 | 0.3 |
| | | |

According to the above results the benzcic acid suggested as additive appears only at a small extent in the inhalation vapour space (0.3-0.5 % of the added amount) and its inspiration in the course of inhalation is substantially negligible.

Under the real conditions cyclodextrin is also present next to the benzoic acid, thus as a consequence of the proved complex formation the amount of the benzoic acid in vapour space is significantly lower than the measured value (substantially cannot be measured).

Accepting to the polishin invention the inhelent pharmacautical composition or air scanting occaposition is characterized by containing a volatile oil-CD inclusion . complex and a competitor host molecule as well as conventionally used excipitents. The competitor host molecule forms a complex with CD of higher stability than the volatile active ingredients to be set free. As competitor host molecules the composition contains benzoic acid and/or its hydroxy derivatives such as 2-hydroxy-benzoic acid (salicylic acid) or 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid in 1 to 50 % by weight related to the weight of the volatile active ingredient - CDinclusion complex. The volatile active ingredient - CD inclusion complex contained in our composition can be as follows: camphor CD and/or menthol CD and/or aucalyptus oil CD and/or chamomile oil CD and/or peppermint oil CD and/or pine oil CD and/or beta-ionon CD and/or citral CD and/or lemon oil CD inclusion complex.

Among the volatile active ingredient CD inclusion complexes the beta-CD-inclusion complexes are most preferred. Our present invention further relates to a process to the preparation of an inhalant pharmaceutical composition or air scenting composition containing the active volatile ingredient in the form of CD-inclusion complex by admixing to the volatile active ingredient CD-inclusion complex the competitor host molecule by method known per se. As competitor host molecules benzoic acid and/or its hydroxy derivatives such as 2-hydroxy-benzoic acid (salicylic acid) or 4-nydroxy-benzoic acid can be used in 1 to 50 % by weight related to the volatile active ingredient-CD inclusion complex. As volatile active ingredient-CD-inclusion complex camphor-CD and/or menthol-CD and/or eucalyptus-CD- and/or chamomile oil-CD and/or peppermint oil-CD and/or pine oil CD and/or beta-ionon-CD and/or citral-CD and/or lemon oil-CD inclusion complex can be used. The use of beta-CD-inclusion complexes is most preferred.

According to the process of the invention the volatile active ingredient CD-inclusion complex and the competitor host molecule are admixed with each other in solid state, whereafter the conventionally used filler, diluents and formulating excipients are used to prepare powder or tablet forms of the pharmaceutical and cosmetical compositions.

Further details of the present invention are further illustrated by the following Examples without limiting the scope of the invention to the Examples.

Example 1

Preparation of solic inhalant composition

The composition of the volatile active ingredient corresponds to the composition of Diapulmon oily injectable active ingredient.

| Camphor- ,-cyclodextrin complex | | |
|--|--------|-----|
| (10.2-10.6 % camphor content) | 7.317 | kg |
| methol- 3-cyclodextrin complex | · | |
| (9.9-9.3 % menthol content) | 27.134 | kg |
| eucalyptus oil- 6-cyclodextrin complex | | |
| (9.2-9.4 % ethereal oil content) | 65.548 | kg |
| benzoic acid | 7.2 | kg. |

The mixture is homogenized for 30 minutes in a ball mill.

The thus obtained blend is filled to 3 or 5 g satchets and an inhalant powder composition is obtained. The blend is granulated with the conventionally used additives of an effervescent tablet (sodium hydrogen carbonate + citric acid or tartaric acid and a tablet is obtained of 3 or 6 gramm which can be made effervescent in cold or hot water.

Example 2

We proceed according to Example 1 but benzoic acid is replaced by 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid.

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Example 3

We can proceed as disclosed in Example 1 but benzoic acid is replaced by 2-hydroxy-benzoic acid i.e. by salicylic acid.

Example 4

An inhalation powder form containing volatile oils acting on the respiratory system in a cyclodextrin complex. Composition:

chamomile- β-cyclodextrin complex

(16-12 % ethereal oil content)

peppermint oil- β-cyclodextrin complex

(10-11 % ethereal oil content)

eucalyptus oil- β-cyclodextrin complex

(10-11 % ethereal oil content)

pine oil- β-cyclodextrin complex

(10-12 % ethereal oil content)

benzoic acid

10 kg

The above mixture can be filled to satchets as given in Example 1 or tablets can be prepared according to Example 1.

Example 5

We can proceed as given in Example 4 but benzoic acid is replaced by 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid.

Example 6

We can proceed as given in Example 4 but benzoic acid is replaced by 2-hydroxy-benzoic acid (salicylic acid).

Example 7

An inhalation powder form containing volatile oil acting on the respiratory system.

Composition:

benzoic acid

| eucalyptus oil- β -cyclodextrin complex | |
|---|---------|
| (10-11 % volatile material) | 89 kg |
| peppermint oil- eta -cyclodextrin complex | |
| (10-11 % ethereal oil content) | 78.5 kg |
| chamomile- 3-cyclodextrin complex | |
| (10-12 % ethereal oil content) | 16.7 kg |
| henzoic acid | 5 kg |

After homogenizing the above powder mixture the product can be used in a powder form or tablet form as given in Example 1.

Example 8

We can proceed as given in Example 7 but benzoic acid is replaced by 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid.

Example 9

We can proceed as given in Example 7 but benzoic acid is replaced by 2-hydroxy-benzoic acid i.e. salicylic acid.

Example 10

Preparation of air scenting powder form. A beta-ionon-beta-cyclodextrin compolex containing 10-12 % active ingredient is homogenized with tablet additives as given in Example 1 and with 6.6 % by weight of benzoic acid related to the weight of the inclusion complex. The mixture is granulated and finished in the form of effervescent tablets of 6 gramm.

Example 11

We proceed as given in Example 10 but the volatile oil discharging system is citral or natural lemon peal oil--cyclodextrin inlusion complex containing 10-11 % of active ingredient.

Composition:

citral or lemon oil- 3-CD-complex

(10-11 % ethereal cil content)

61 kg

tablet additive

benzoic acid

(polyvinyl pyrrolidone, magnesium-tri-

silicate, calcium stearate etc.)

39 kg

7 kg '

The above mixture is finished as effervescent tablets of 6 gramm by adding sodium hydrocarbonate and tartaric acid.

Claims:

- 1. Inhalant pharmaceutical composition or air scenting composition comprising a volatile active ingredient-cyclodextrin inclusion complex and a competitor host molecule as well as conventionally used excipients.
- 2. Composition as claimed in Claim 1 comprising a competitor host molecule in an amount of 1 to 50 % by weight related to the weight of the volatile active ingredient cyclodextrin inclusion complex.
- 3. A composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 or 2 comprising as competitor host molecule benzoic acid and/or its hydroxy derivatives, preferably 2-hydroxy-benzoic acid or 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid.
- 4. A composition as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 3 comprising as a volatile active ingredient cyclodextrin inclusion complex, campnor cyclodextrin and/or menthol cyclodextrin and/or pine oil cyclodextrin and/or beta-ionon-cyclodextrin and/or citral cyclodextrin and/or lemon oil cyclodextrin and/or eucalyptus oil cyclodextrin and/or peppermint oil cyclodextrin and/or chamomile oil cyclodextrin inclusion complex, preferably beta-cyclodextrin inclusion complex.

- 5. Process for the preparation of an inhalant pharmaceutical composition or air scenting composition comprising adding a competitor host molecule to the volatile active ingredient cyclodextrin inclusion complex and finishing the mixture as a usual pharmaceutical or cosmetical composition.
- 6. A process according to Claim 5 which comprises using the competitor host molecule in 1 to 50 % by weight related to the volatile active ingredient cyclodextrin inclusion complex.
- 7. A process according to any of Claims 5 or 6 which comprises using as a competitor host molecule benzoic acid and/or hydroxy derivatives thereof, such as 2-hydroxy-benzoic acid or 4-hydroxy-benzoic acid.
- 8. A process according to any of Claims 5 to 7 which comprises using as volatile active ingredient cyclodextrin inclusion complex camphor-cyclodextrin and/or menthol-cyclodextrin and/or eucalyptus oil-cyclodextrin and/or chamomile oil-cyclodextrin and/or peppermint oil-cyclodextrin and/or pine oil-cyclodextrin and/or beta-ionon-cyclodextrin and/or citral cyclodextrin and/or lemon oil cyclodextrin inclusion complex, preferably beta-cyclodextrin inclusion complex.
- 9. A process according to any of Claims 5 to 8 which comprises admixing the volatile active ingredient cyclo-

dextrin inclusion complex with benzoic acid and/or hydroxy derivatives thereof in solid state.

10. A process according to any of Claims 5 to 9 which comprises preparing the inhalant or air scenting composition by using the conventionally used filling agents, diluants and formulating excipients and preparing powder or tablet forms.

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